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United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

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Recommendations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery at its sixth session

1. At the sixth session, held at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva from 22 to 26 January 2001, the five members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, Swami Agnivesh (Chairman), Theodor van Boven, Cheikh Saad-Bouh Kamara, Tatiana Matveeva and José de Souza Martins, examined information prepared by its secretariat concerning: grants paid in 1999 and 2000; applications for new travel and project grants; the financial situation of the Fund, including new contributions paid by Governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and individuals; the implementation by the Board and Fund's secretariat of the recommendations approved in 2000; and the application forms for travel and project grants for 2002. The Board of Trustees expressed its appreciation to the Deputy High Commissioner for his address at the opening meeting and briefly met with students of the Instituto Tecnico Commerciale Oscar Romero (Albino, Italy) who have become regular donors to the Fund. The Board also met with representatives of governments, donors, NGOs and individuals, as well as with members of the OHCHR secretariat servicing the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, programmes on trafficking and children in armed conflict and the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. The Board had an informal meeting with members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to exchange information on the mandate and practice of the two expert organs. Hearings were also organized with representatives of the following international NGOs: Anti-Slavery International, NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the International Catholic Child Bureau (BICE). The recommendations adopted by the Board at its sixth session were approved by the High Commissioner for Human Rights, on behalf of the Secretary-General, on 30 January 2001.

Organization of the Board's sessions

2. The Board recommended that, at the first meeting of its annual session in 2002, the secretariat of the Fund should provide the figures available at OHCHR on contributions received and pledges made and the amount of money available for grants, information received on the use of previous grants disbursed and the number of applications for new grants received.

3. The Board expressed satisfaction with the documentation prepared for its sixth session, in particular the information on the use of previous grants paid in 1999 and 2000 as well as on applications for new travel and project grants. The Board recommended that a meeting with representatives of other concerned international NGOs be organized at its seventh session.

4. The Board recommended that the Bureau of the Commission on Human Rights should continue its practice of giving an opportunity to the Chairman or a member of the Board to deliver a brief statement at the Commission under the relevant agenda item in order to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the Fund (E/CN.4/2001/82 and Add.1) and to provide updated information to the Commission on the financial situation of the Fund and the activities of the Board.

Review of previous grants

5. The Board reviewed and adopted recommendations on the narrative and financial reports received on the use of travel and project grants paid in 1999 and 2000. The Board reviewed narrative and financial reports on four project grants allocated in 1999 (the file of one project was closed at the fifth session as the Board considered that the narrative and financial reports on the use of the grant were satisfactory). It recommended the closure of three project files as the reports submitted were found to be satisfactory and that its secretariat continue to follow up and seek additional information on the remaining project. The Board also reviewed narrative and financial reports on the use of the 17 project grants allocated in 2000. It decided to close three project files and recommended that its secretariat continue to follow up on the other projects.

Amount of money available for new grants

6. According to information at OHCHR, the amount available for grants was approximately US$ 285,000, which includes new contributions received (see annex I).

Recommendations for grants

7. At its sixth session, the Board examined 33 applications for travel grants amounting to approximately US$ 73,000 and 23 applications for project grants amounting to approximately US$ 330,000.

8. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/122 and other approved selection criteria (see annex II), the project and travel grants recommended by the Board and approved by the High Commissioner for Human Rights will assist non-governmental organizations in 15 countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe. In accordance with the mandate of the Fund, the Board's recommendations focused on assisting representatives of non-governmental organizations from different regions dealing with issues of contemporary forms of slavery to participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, as well as on extending, through established channels of assistance, humanitarian, legal and financial aid to individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery. The Board took into consideration that the Working Group had decided at its twenty-fifth session (see E/CN.4/Sub.2/2000/23, sect. VI.B, recommendation 4) to examine at its twenty-sixth session in 2001, as a matter of priority, the issue of trafficking in persons, with the active participation of non-governmental organizations and victims of trafficking, in preparation for the proposed United Nations year against trafficking in persons. The Board also took into consideration that the Group decided to keep under consideration at its twenty-sixth session the question of debt bondage, the role of corruption in the perpetuation of slavery and slavery-like practices, problems affecting migrant workers, the protection of child labourers, forced labour, trafficking in human organs and issues, forced marriages, ways to combat sexual abuse of children inside the family and the urgent need for adequate help to be offered to victims of such practices.

9. On the basis of the recommendations made by the Board, the High Commissioner approved US$ 25,715 for travel grants (see annex III) and US$ 148,700 for project grants (see annex IV), for a total amount of US$ 174,415. All travel grants have to be released before the next session of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, scheduled to be held from 11 to 15 June 2001, provided that the conditions attached to the grants have been met.

10. An amount of US$ 32,000 was allocated for the monitoring of projects (see para. 21 below).

11. In addition, in accordance with the United Nations rules governing general trust funds for humanitarian assistance, such as this Fund, 15 per cent of estimated annual expenditures must be earmarked as a reserve for the following year, as well as 13 per cent for programme support costs.

12. Therefore, the balance available for the seventh session for the Board in 2002 is approximately US$ 20,000.

New guideline concerning project grants

13. The Board recommended that, as a rule, project grants should be allocated for direct assistance to the victims and to local NGOs. Grants may be channelled through international NGOs, provided that they do not keep any part of the grant for their own activities.

14. The Board took into consideration the recommendation of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights to select beneficiaries of travel grants from all the geographical regions in order to provide the widest possible view of contemporary forms of slavery in the world. However, despite wide dissemination of information on how to apply to the Fund, a majority of the applications received came from countries already selected in previous years by the Board.

Fund-raising

15. On 26 January the Board held its annual meeting with donors, interested governments and intergovernmental organizations. It was encouraged by the high level of participation and by the presence of the Italian students. The following governments were represented at the meeting: Angola, Cyprus, Egypt, Eritrea, France, Germany, Holy See, India, Indonesia, Japan, Morocco, Mauritania, Monaco, Netherlands, Portugal, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine and United States of America.

16. The Board also very much appreciated the fact that students in the United Kingdom and individuals, including a well-known Italian painter, became donors to the Fund along with Japanese NGOs, thereby increasing popular support to the Fund.

17. The Board thanked the High Commissioner for Human Rights for having sent a letter to all governments appealing for contributions to the Fund, and expressed the wish that she make another appeal in September 2001 in order to obtain sufficient funds to be able to fulfil the mandate in 2002. Taking into consideration the requests received in 2001 and also that the

Board recommended for expenditure almost all the money available at its sixth session, the Fund would need new voluntary contributions totalling US$ 400,000 before the seventh session of the Board in 2002.

18. It is recalled that in its resolution 2000/12 of 17 August 2000, the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights expressed its appreciation to the donor governments, non-governmental organizations and individuals, in particular new donors, and urged all governments, NGOs, other private and public entities and individuals to contribute annually to the Fund in order to enable the Fund to fulfil its mandate effectively.

Cooperation with the Working Group

19. In accordance with paragraph 9 of Sub-Commission resolution 2000/12, the secretariat of the Working Group should invite at the beginning of February 2001 all members in a position to do so to participate at the twenty-sixth session of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery.

20. In selecting new applications for travel grants at its seventh session in 2002, the Board will take into consideration that the Working Group at its twenty-fifth session decided to examine, as a matter of priority at its twenty-seventh session in 2002, the issue of exploitation of children, particularly in the context of prostitution and domestic servitude (see E/CN.4/Sub.2/2000/23, sect.VI.B, recommendation 14).

Other recommendations

21. The High Commissioner for Human Rights approved the recommendation that members of the Board visit projects in order to better evaluate the work carried out and planned. A provisional amount of US$ 32,000 has been allocated for this purpose.

22. The Board recommended that a new fact sheet or brochure on the activities of the Fund be prepared, for information and fund-raising purposes, in a sufficient number of copies for wide dissemination to NGOs and donors and that fact sheet No. 14 on contemporary forms of slavery should be revised to include a chapter on the activities of the Fund and the Board.

23. The Board recommended that issues of contemporary forms of slavery should receive due attention in the preparatory process leading to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and that information on the Fund should be prepared in that respect.

24. The Board recommended that mechanisms dealing with contemporary forms of slavery at the national, regional and international levels be strengthened and that resources should be made available for such issues.

Annex I

Contributions available[a] for the sixth session of the Board as at 22 January 2001

State	Amount in US$	Paid in NY/GE	Paid on	Contribution number
Bahrain	3 000	GE	24 Oct. 2000	1st
Brazil	10 000	GE	22 Dec. 2000	1st
Cyprus	4 000	GE	8 Dec. 2000	2nd
Japan	50 000	NY	9 June 2000	3rd
Netherlands	38 464	GE	13 Dec. 2000	3rd
Poland	5 000	GE	24 Oct. 2000	2nd
South Africa	9 550	GE	3 Apr. 2000	3rd
Subtotal	120 014			

NGOs and individuals	Amount in US$	Paid in NY/GE	Paid on	Contribution number
Students of the Archway School United Kingdom	1 020	GE	23 June 2000	1st
Students of the Istituto Tecnico Commerciale Oscar Romero	459	GE	21 Dec. 2000	4th
Kansai Electric Power Dispute	1 840	GE	9 Aug. 2000	3rd
Committee/Japanese Workers Committee for Human Rights	1 840	GE	26 Sept. 2000	
Ms. Lullin Kelemen	150	GE	26 Oct. 2000	1st
Mr. Daniel Prémont	120	GE	13 Apr. 2000	1st
Mr. Aldo and Ms. Giovanna Salvadori	7 184	GE	30 Aug. 2000	1st
Ms. Hisae Saito/League demanding State compensation for the victims of the public order maintenance law	305	GE	14 Aug. 2000	1st
Mr. Yorio Shiokawa	299	GE	12 Sept. 2000	3rd
Ms. Valeria Spinelli Catani	172	GE	4 Aug. 2000	1st
Ms. Halima Warzazi	500	GE	10 Jul. 2000	2nd
Subtotal	13 889			
Total	113 903			

[a] Based on information available at OHCHR.

Annex II

CRITERIA, PRACTICES AND GUIDELINES

I. BENEFICIARIES FROM THE FUND

According to the criteria established by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/122 the only beneficiaries from the Fund shall be:

1. Representatives from non-governmental organizations from different regions dealing with issues of contemporary forms of slavery wishing to participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery:

(a) Who are so considered by the Board of Trustees;

(b) Who would not, in the opinion of the Board, be able to attend the session of the Working Group without the assistance provided by the Fund;

(c) Who would be able to contribute to a deeper knowledge on the part of the Working Group of the problems relating to contemporary forms of slavery.

2. Individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery and who are so considered by the Board.

II. TRAVEL GRANTS

The Board has developed the following practices and guidelines:

1. Application forms for travel grants should include a letter of nomination and recommendation signed by an executive official or body of the applicant's organization;

2. The Board will take into consideration the main theme as well as other priority areas identified by the Working Group for its annual session;

3. NGOs can apply for a maximum of two representatives;

4. Gender balances should be taken into consideration when selecting representatives;

5. The applicant must understand and speak English or French or Spanish;

6. The applicant must submit by airmail the original of the application duly signed and dated;

7. Applications should be encouraged from "all the geographical regions in order to provide the widest possible view of contemporary forms of slavery in the world" in accordance with resolution 2000/12 of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights;

8. The organization should provide information on its legal status, year of foundation, aspects of contemporary forms of slavery which the organization deals with, specific experience and/or expertise in the relevant issues to be discussed at the Working Group, annual budget, other sources of funding;

9. The organization should provide information on the responsibility of the applicant in the organization and on the theme of his/her presentation to the Working Group;

10. The Board will not consider applications for which its secretariat has not received satisfactory information after a second reminder.

III. PROJECT GRANTS

A. According to the criteria established by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/122, grants from the Fund shall be given to extend, through established channels of assistance, humanitarian, legal and financial aid to individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery.

B. In addition, the Board has developed the following practices and guidelines:

1. A maximum of US$ 15,000 can be requested from the Fund for a project grant;

2. As a rule, project grants should be allocated for direct assistance to the victims and local NGOs. Grants may be channelled by international NGOs, provided that they do not keep any part of the grant for their own activities;

3. Gender balances should be taken into consideration;

4. Applications should be encouraged from "all the geographical regions in order to provide the widest possible view of contemporary forms of slavery in the world" in accordance with Sub-Commission resolution 2000/12;

5. NGOs must submit by airmail the original of the application duly signed and dated;

6. The organization should provide information on its present activities and aspects of contemporary forms of slavery which the organization is dealing with;

7. If satisfactory narrative and financial reports on the use of a previous grant have not been received, a new grant cannot be released and should be kept pending;

8. The Board will not consider applications for which the secretariat has not received satisfactory information after a second reminder;

9. Project leaders should accept that the Board or a staff member may visit their projects for a better evaluation of the work carried out and planned.

IV. GUIDELINES RELATING TO VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND REPORTING

1. Only voluntary contributions paid and duly registered by the United Nations Treasurer before the first day of its session are taken into consideration by the Board for recommending travel or project grants to the Secretary-General. Pledges are not taken into consideration for the allocation of grants.

2. Voluntary contributions to the Fund cannot be earmarked to specific travel or project grants.

3. Reporting on the use of voluntary contributions for travel grant and project grants consist of the reports of the Secretary-General on the Fund to the General Assembly and to the Commission on Human Rights as well as the annual meeting of the Board with donors and interested Governments and the annual meeting organized for donors by the secretariat of the Fund at the end of each year at which all relevant reports and documents on the activities of the Fund are distributed and discussed (see E/CN.4/2001/82, para. 20).

Annex III

CHART OF TRAVEL GRANTS[a] RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD TO ATTEND THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY (11-15 June 2001)

Application No.	Organization	Name of Representative	Theme to be discussed at the Working Group
		AFRICA	
2	Arab Women's Solidarity Association (AWSA), Egypt	Mona Helmy (w)	Trafficking; sexual exploitation; violence against women in the family
26	BICE-Afrique/Zukunft für Kinder in Not e.V. (Germany), Togo	Akoko Victoire Lawson (w)	Activities in support of street porters in Lomé
3	Consulting Center for Constitutional Rights and Justice (C3RJ), Nigeria	Churchill Ibeneche (m)	Programmes on contemporary forms of slavery; study on child slavery and health implications
31		Omie Benson (w)	Testimony as a former child victim of slavery and forced labour
		AMERICA	
25	Casa Alianza/Covenant House Latin America, Costa Rica	Bruce Harris (m)	Situation in Central America of victims of sex tourism; action taken as a result of the visit to Guatemala of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children; illegal trafficking of babies
		ASIA	
5	Jan Kala Sahitya Manch Sanstha, India	Manimala Sinha (w)	Rescue and rehabilitation of girl children from sex trafficking
14	College of Social Work, India	Gracy Bibiana Fernandes (w)	Rescue and rehabilitation of minor girls from sex trafficking
17	Group for International Solidarity, Nepal	Pramod Kaphley (m)	Solutions to bonded labour in Nepal
20	Backward Society Education, Nepal	Ek Raj Chaudhary (m)	Testimony as a former bonded labourer and measures taken to abolish bonded labour

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29	Third World Movement Against the Exploitation of Women, Philippines	Genoveva Dumay (w)	Assistance to survivors of sex trade
32		Lonebeth Gonzales (w)	Testimony as victim of sex trafficking for prostitution on board ships (floating brothels)
33		Roda Bayles (w)	Testimony as victim of sex trafficking in a slum area
EUROPE			
22	Associazione Iroko, Italy	Esohe Aghatise (w)	Cultural, social and psychological aspects of the trafficking of Nigerian girls for prostitution in Italy

[a] The costs of travel, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses have been estimated at US$ 25,715.

Annex IV

PROJECT GRANTS RECOMMENDED

Application No.	Organization	Title of project or aspect covered	Grant recommended in US$
		AFRICA	
7	NGO Tomorrow Children, Benin	Welcome Centre for Training and Rehabilitation of Child Victims of Trafficking	10 000
23	Afrique 3M, Benin	Les enfants placés	6 000
15	Arab Women's Solidarity Association, Egypt	Film on sexual oppression of women in exploitation (trafficking)	10 000
16	Consulting Centre for Constitutional Rights and Justice (C3RJ), Nigeria	Direct humanitarian, legal and financial assistance to victims of contemporary forms of slavery	10 000
11	Musinguzi Foundation, Uganda	Kyarusozi district: child labour and sexual exploitation of women	6 000
14	Women and Youth Services (WAYS), Uganda	Action programme to prevent the recruitment of girl child domestic workers	7 000
		AMERICA	
22	La Vicaría de Pastoral Social, Chile	Assistance to children who are exploited at work or subject to drug trafficking and consumption	5 000
19	Terre des Hommes Switzerland/Foyer "Maurice Sixto", Haiti	Child domestics in Haiti ("Restaveks")	10 000
		ASIA	
10	Hotline Bangladesh/Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace of Bangladesh (CJP), Bangladesh	Child rights and education - provide legal aid and help for enhancing education facilities for sexually exploited children	6 000
1	Cambodian Social Science Study Group (CSSSG),Cambodia	Exploitation of child labour in the fishing industry of Battambang province	6 000
3	Mine Labour Protection Campaign (MLPC)/The School of Desert Sciences (SDS), India	Alleviating debt bondage among sandstone mine workers in Jodhpur, Rajasthan State	6 700

Application No.	Organization	Title of project or aspect covered	Grant recommended in US$
4	Bandhwa Mukti Samiti, India	Survey, identification and release of bonded labourers	10 000
5	Mahila Jagriti Mandal, India	A Step against Slavery (bonded and child labour and women victims of exploitation)	10 000
13	Institute of Development Education, Action and Studies (IDEAS), India	LEAD: Liberative Education for Adivasis and Dalits, for the boarding of 150 Dalit and Tribal students in Kodai Hills	10 000
17	Akhil Bhartiya Samaj Sewa Sansthan (ABSSS), India	Support Programme to Children of Marginalized Persons (bonded labour)	12 000
9	Women in Development (WID), Pakistan	Shelter for Shelterless Girls (for sexually exploited girls)	10 000
20	Third World Movement Against the Exploitation of Women (TW-MAE-W), Philippines	Support for survivors of the sex trade	10 000
EUROPE			
2	Associazione Iroko, Italy	Research and case study on the international trafficking of Nigerian girls for prostitution in Italy. Specific pilot project against the international trafficking in girls and women for prostitution and other purposes	4 000
18 project grants			148 700